



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

July 8, 1999

The Honorable Gene Green
U.S. House of Representatives
2429 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4329

Re: Application for new television station at
Blanco, Texas (MM Docket No. 85-269)

Dear Congressman Green:

Thank you for your letter dated June 18, 1999, concerning the Commission's actions in the above-referenced matter relating to authorization of a new TV station at Blanco, Texas. Your letter, which was not served on the parties to this proceeding, was forwarded to the Office of General Counsel for reply in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules, which are intended to ensure both fairness and the appearance of fairness in Commission proceedings.

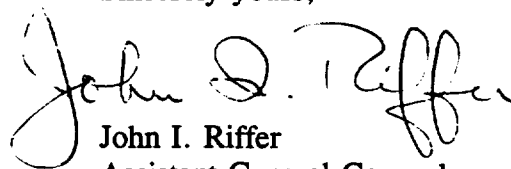
The ex parte rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-12) require that written communications to Commission decision-making personnel relating to the merits of restricted proceedings be served on all the parties to the proceeding. The above-referenced matter is a restricted proceeding, and it will remain restricted until it is no longer subject to administrative or judicial review.

In accordance with the ex parte rules, a copy of this letter and your incoming letter have been sent to the parties and have been placed in a public file associated with, but not made part of, the record in this proceeding.

If you wish your letter to be considered by Commission decision-making personnel, please re-submit it in accordance with the ex parte rules by serving copies on the parties to this proceeding listed below. Also, be sure to serve them with any future communications dealing with the merits. While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, please appreciate that the ex parte rules are necessary to ensure fairness to all of the parties.

The Commission is charged with fully examining the record in all of its proceedings to determine what decision will best serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. You may be assured that the Commission will give full consideration to all views presented in accordance with the procedures described above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John I. Riffer".

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The Honorable William E. Kennard
 Chairman
 Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I would like to express my concern on a matter pending before the Commission. It has come to my attention that a qualified applicant to operate Channel 52 in the community of Blanco, Texas has been repeatedly denied a license. This applicant has promised to provide needed Spanish language programming to Blanco's and Central Texas' Hispanic community, so this matter should be resolved as quickly as possible.

In 1995, SL Communications, Inc. presented an application to the FCC, offering to construct and operate a new UHF television station on Channel 52 in Blanco. To expedite this process, SL offered to act as a "white knight" and substitute for another, disqualified, applicant whose application was on appeal. This previous applicant may have engaged in some questionable practices during the original hearing process. However, it is important to note that SL was not a participant at that point in the proceedings. SL's application was rejected by the FCC in February, 1997.

In its decision in this matter, the FCC noted the importance of providing Blanco with a television station "without undue delay". SL then filed another application for Channel 52 in Blanco, which was returned without consideration. It is true that a party engaging in misconduct should not profit from its actions, but this is not the issue. SL Communications, which has not been involved in any misconduct, has presented an application to provide a service to the people of Blanco.

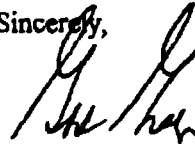
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I bring this case to your attention with the hope that it can be resolved in accord with the best interest of the public. Please review the case of SL Communications. Hopefully they can provide the needed service to Blanco and Central Texas. If I can provide additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gene Green', written over the printed name.

Gene Green
Member of Congress

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Notes: The Congressman asked me to fax this letter over to you. I was wondering if you could take a look at it and get a response .